GOP governor hopefuls' target: state comp laws

Their rememdies to cure unemployment differ, but on one point the four Republican gubernatorial candidates agree: Unemployment and workers' compensation laws must be reformed. There's no debate, however, on what is Michigan's No. 1 problem. All say it's lobs.

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Reduce taxes, said L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County prosecutor, and Richard Headlee, Farmington Hills invarance executive. Patterson also would like to freeze state hiring.
Lt. Gov. James Brickley has a broader answer. Brickley said hed like to end unnecessary government regulations, give care buyers tax breaks, diversity Michigan's industrial base, strengthen job-training programs and allocate more money for public education.

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THEIR RESPONSES were gleaned from a questionance drafted by the store League of Women Veters. Acked what incentives state government should offer to private business to courage them to locate in Michigan, most said they'd either reduce or repeal the single business tax. Brickley said he favors giving tax incentives to new plants and creating incentives for high-technology industries. Headlee, Brickley and Welborn favor reducing the single business tax, which in 1975 replaced eight state taxes on business. And Headlee would like to see according to the single business are credits given on the unemployment debt to new business. Patterson, who also owns a small restaurant, said he wants to repeal the single business tax entirely. Welborn, a Kalamazoo County dairy farmer, said better transportation and educational services would help Michigan lure business. Both Headlee and Welborn favor reducing welfare and substituting "workfare."

ABBUUING PROPERTY taxes was also on their minds. Brickley, Headlee, Patterson and Welborn all said they fa-vor the idea.

Headlee proposes indexing the school aid formula to property assessments.



James Brickley, 53, lieutenant governor, of Ingham County

He also said he would push for increasing state funding for education by at least 1 percent a year until it reached 20 percent of the state budget. Patterson promises to roll back the Michigan income tax 0.4.4 percent. It's now at 5.6 percent and due to fall to 4.6 on Oct. 1. Welborn favors reinstituting the corporate business tax.



Hichard Headlee, 52, insurance executive and chairman of Oak-land University board, of Farm-ington Hills.

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L. Brooks Patterson, 43, Oak-land County prosecutor and restaurant owner, of Clarkston.

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John Welborn, 49, state senator and dairy farmer, of Kalamazoo County.

County panel OKs waste plan

The Oakland County Planning and Building Committee has approved a 20-year plan for solid waste disposal. The plan is scheduled to be adopted at the Board of Commission meeting Aug. 5. The committee, which rehashed the

The commission intering and the plan numerous times in the past, unanimusly approved the proposal with only one new amendment of the past of the past

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Patterson said he'd like a program to improve water's cleanliness and to avoid diversion.
Welborn said the biggest threat to Michigan's natural resources is devel-oping parks and other wild areas. He wants to protect areas to be used for recreation

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Brickley said he is alo concerne about urban sprawl and wants to mak sure it doesn't needlessly erode prim farmland, destroying communities.

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